

Bees and Honey

Honey production in Utah from producers with five or more colonies totaled 984,000 pounds during 2000, down 16 percent from the 1999 level. The number of colonies at 24,000 was down 2,000 from the previous year. Production per colony, at 41 pounds, was 4 pounds below the level of 1999. The price received per pound of honey averaged 60 cents, down 8 cents from

1999. The total value of the honey produced in 2000 was \$590,000, a decrease of 26 percent from 1999.

Several Utah apiaries kept their bees in other States during part of the year. Honey produced in other States was counted in that state's production and not included in the Utah production.

Honey: Colonies of Bees, Production, & Value, Utah, 1993-2000

Year	Honey Producing Colonies	Honey			
		Production		Value of Production	
		Yield per Colony	Total	Average Price per Pound	Total
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars
1993	42	53	2,226	55	1,224
1994	43	59	2,537	53	1,345
1995	32	33	1,056	65	686
1996	34	46	1,564	85	1,329
1997	32	52	1,664	75	1,248
1998	30	58	1,740	65	1,131
1999	26	45	1,170	68	796
2000	24	41	984	60	590

